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# LIVIN' THE BREWS

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## PINTS OF INTEREST

- THE NEXT BREW DAY IS JULY 23 AT DOUG NETT'S IN PLANO. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFO.
- THE NEXT CLUB MEETING IS JULY 12TH AT THE RUGBY HOUSE IN PLANO. CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR DETAILS.
- THE SUMMER PARTY IS ALMOST HERE! JULY 30TH AT BILL JAMES' IN PLANO.
- CHECK THIS NEWSLETTER FOR UPCOMING COMPETITIONS AND EVENTS OF INTEREST

## Prez Sez

By Wayne Yandell

Summer is in full swing and it's getting hotter. I hope every batch of beer you brew is being kept cool! My wife Jennifer and I enjoyed our two week vacation in Oregon. We spanned almost the entire length of Oregon and made it down to the Redwoods in California. We took a day trip to Washington to see Mount Saint Helens as well. The day time highs barely reached into the 70s the entire trip. We had many local people comment on how wonderful the weather was and how lucky it was that there was so little rain. Although the trip was not a beer oriented excursion, I managed to get some time in at many different breweries and brewpubs across the entire state of Oregon. The trip made me realize how different the beer culture is on the west coast. Even the smallest pubs had good selections of local beer and wine. It was a great experience and made me want to plan a more involved beer trip there.

Our club events are in full swing this summer and the Limbo competition is right around the corner. Get those entries bottled and ready for entry! Check the website and this newsletter for additional entry dates and drop off points. Our club meeting is scheduled at

The Rugby House in Plano on July 12<sup>th</sup>. The summer party is on the calendar as well so please come if you can. Hope to see you there!

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## What's Brewin'?

By Kimberley Rhea

I would like to thank Kelly and Kym Harris for hosting our May Brew Day. Everyone had a great time. We had several new club members there.

Chuck Homola hosted our Spring Party. The Bar-B-Q was delicious. He opened the pool, had the club kegerator/bar all set up, pool table and a horseshoe pit ready to go. Thank you Chuck.

Our next Brew Day will be at Doug Nett's home. It will be on July 23, from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Lunch will be served. Check the web site for location. See you all soon!

Kim  
"Woo Girl"

## Limbo Challenge Competition

By Jimmy Orkin

We had our second Limbo Challenge planning meeting on June 1. Future planning meetings will be on the first Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will occur on July 6 at BJ's Restaurant in Addison. Business will start about 7:00 PM.

Details of the meeting are posted to our forum under Competitions in the "Limbo Challenge 2011 Information Topic".

If you would like to assist in any aspect of the Limbo, I encourage you to contact me at [director@limbocomp.org](mailto:director@limbocomp.org).

Brew Strong!  
Jimmy

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## Competition Info and Updates

By Jim Lavin

### North Texas Beer Festival Raffle Winners

As part of our activities during the North Texas Beer Festival we hosted a raffle. Prizes included A Free Year's Membership to the club and 3 - \$25 Gift Certificates donated by The Wine Maker's Toy Store. We held the drawing during this month's Officer's Meeting and below are the results:

Club Membership Winner – Skott Knowles  
Gift Certificate Winner – Emilio Garcia  
Gift Certificate Winner – Chris DeGarza  
Gift Certificate Winner – Ken Curtis

### Upcoming Competitions

#### Lunar Rendezbrew

Lunar Rendezbrew entries are due at drop off locations in Houston by July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This competition is open to all BJCP Categories. Judging will be help July 16<sup>th</sup> & July 23<sup>rd</sup> with the awards ceremony happening on August 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

Shipping Locations are:

DeFalco's  
c/o Lunar Rendezbrew  
8715 Stella Link  
Houston, TX 77025  
(713) 668-9449

Or:

B&S Brewers Guild  
c/o Lunar Rendezbrew  
3560 NASA Pkwy.  
Seabrook, TX 77586  
(832) 225-1314

Or:

Brew-It-Yourself  
c/o Lunar Rendezbrew  
25770 Interstate Hwy 45 North, #107  
Spring, TX 77386  
(281) 267-2739

### Limbo Competition

The Limbo Competition entry deadline is August 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Drop off will be at the local area home brew supply stores. This is a great opportunity to get feedback on any of your beers with an original gravity of 1.050 or less. Judging will be August 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> with the awards ceremony happening on August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Check out the NTHBA web site for more details.

Drop Locations:

Homebrew Headquarters  
300 N. Coit Rd  
Richardson, TX 75080  
(972) 234-4411

Or:

The Wine Maker's Toy Store  
1300 N. I-35E, STE 106  
Carrollton, TX 75006  
866-417-1114

### Cactus Challenge

The Cactus Challenge is scheduled for sometime in September, still no firm dates for entries. Once I know more, I'll post packing party dates and times on the NTHBA website.

## Dixie Cup

The Dixie Cup entry deadline still has been posted, but the awards ceremony is scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. Once I know more, I'll post packing party dates and times on the NTHBA website.

## Club Only Competitions

August Club Only Competition will be Meads, The Club deadline will be August 4<sup>th</sup> and we'll be letting the BJCP Class perform the judging at their August 7<sup>th</sup> class.

September/October Club Only Competition will be Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers. Entries must specify the experimental nature of the beer (e.g. type of special ingredients used, process utilized or historical style being brewed), or why the beer doesn't fit an established style. Additionally, the entrant may specify an underlying beer style. For historical styles or unusual ingredients/techniques that may not be known to beer judges, the brewer should provide descriptions of the styles, ingredients and/or techniques used. The Club deadline will be October 5<sup>th</sup> and we'll be letting the BJCP Class perform the judging at their October 9<sup>th</sup>, class.

November/December Club Only Competition will be Hail to Hefeweizen. Club deadline will be November 9<sup>th</sup>. I'll post the judging location details, once I have a firm location to perform the judging.

## Updates from the U of NTHBA

By Chuck Homola

Greetings all from the hallowed halls of the Univ of NTHBA. While we may be in the dog days of summer, things are moving right along with the current BJCP course. We have now completed 4 of the 11 classes. Here is a list of the remaining classes in case anyone may be interested in checking out a particular class:

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Sensory Evaluation (tentative date – will juggle if the doping kit does not arrive in time for this class)

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Wort Production, tastings of Bocks and IPAs

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Yeast/Fermentation, tastings of

Amber Hybrids and Strong Ales

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Troubleshooting, tastings of English Pale Ales and German Wheat/Rye

September 11<sup>th</sup> – Geographic Brewing Regions, tastings of Scottish and Irish Ales and English Brown Ales

September 25<sup>th</sup> – Recipe Formulation, tastings of Sour Ales and Light Hybrids

October 9<sup>th</sup> – Overall test review, tastings of Belgian/French Ales and Classic Rauchbier

In addition to the class content listed above – we are going to have some of our new local brew masters coming by for certain classes to lend their insight on various topics. At this time we have tentative commitments from Damon of Cedar Creek Brewing to stop by for the Sensory Evaluation class and Drew of Deep Ellum Brewing for the class on July 24<sup>th</sup>.

The July brew day will include an introduction to all grain mashing – if you are thinking about going all grain – you may want to check this out to get some insight into all grain brewing techniques.

The concepts around the “Introduction to Competitions” class are starting to be pieced together – more news on this as things evolve.

If you have any other ideas for classes you would like to have us put together – let me know by emailing me at [education@nthba.org](mailto:education@nthba.org) - thanks!

Stay cool, brew the brew, and may all your dreams be cheery mit beery!

Chuck

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<b>- 2011 Competition Schedule -</b>		
<b>Competition/Style</b>	<b>Entry Deadline</b>	<b>Competition Awards</b>
<b>Big Batch Brew Bash</b>  Old Ale  (BJCP 19A)	May 5	May 15
<b>Celtic Brew-Off</b>	May 12	Texas Scottish Festival, June 3-5
<b>Lunar Rendez-Brew</b>  All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	June 26	July
<b>Limbo Challenge</b>  Beers w/ SG @ 1.050 or below	August 5th	August 27
<b>Cactus Challenge</b>  All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	September	September
<b>August COC</b>  Mead	August 11th (Club) August 20th (AHA)	August 27th
<b>September/October COC</b>  Specialty/Experimental/Historical Beers	October 6th (Club) October 15th (AHA)	October 29th
<b>Dixie Cup</b>  All BJCP Beers, Meads & Ciders	TBD	TBD
<b>November/December COC</b>  Hefeweizen	November 17th (Club) November 25th (AHA)	December 3rd (AHA)
<b>January/February 2012</b>  Dark Lagers	TBD	TBD
<b>March/April 2012 COC</b>  Stout	TBD	TBD
<b>May 2012 COC</b>  Scottish and Irish Ale	April 20th (Club) April 27th (AHA)	May 5th

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## Club Brewmeisters

Club Brewmeisters are members who are experienced brewers and have volunteered to help other brewers, new and old, with brewing problems. Give them a call with your questions! Just don't call too late, too early, or during Cowboy games!

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## North Texas Home Brewers Association

The North Texas Home Brewers Assoc. is a group with an interest in beer in general and home brewing in particular. We meet once a month on the second Tuesday at various locations in the area. Visitors are welcome! "Livin' the Brews" is our newsletter and is published about once a month. We do accept advertising, although the NTHBA, its officers, assignees, and editors are not liable for losses or damages resulting from mistakes or misprints, or any other consequences of advertising in this or any other publication. Ads are \$30 for a 1/3 page and \$50 for a full page, subject to change without notice. Readers are encouraged to submit articles. The deadline for ads and articles each month is 14 days prior to the club meeting.



Visit the NTHBA Website at  
[www.nthba.org](http://www.nthba.org)